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A FORM,

TO BE USED

On Thursday, the 7th day of June, 1832,

BEING THE DAY APPOINTED

TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF THE

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

YORK, UPPER CANADA.

"And all the people shouted, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the House of the Lord was laid."—Ezra 3rd & 11th.

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Morning Prayer.

¶ *Proper Psalms, LXXXIV. and CXXII.
First Lesson, 2nd Chronicles, Chap. II. to v. 7.*

¶ *Then shall follow Te Deum Laudamus.
Second Lesson, St. Matthew, Chap. XVI. from 13th to 21st v.*

¶ *Then Benedictus, the Creed, &c.
Instead of the Collect for the day, let the two first Collects
for Good Friday be used.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second and Third Collects at
Morning Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prayers for the King, the Royal Family, the
Lieutenant Governor, the Clergy and people, &c.*

¶ *Before the Sermon shall be sung the following—*

H Y M N.

I.

AS purling from the mountain's side,
The crystal fountain flows,
Thus pure and bless'd the spring of life
In Eden's garden rose.

II.

Refresh'd by frequent heav'nly show'rs,
With growing strength it sped,
And numerous rills of Prophecy
Enlarg'd its narrow bed.

III.

But when to Calv'ry's sacred foot
Approach'd the silver tide,
With awful Majesty it flow'd—
A River, deep and wide.

IV.

This River, now a mighty Sea,
Tho' humble in its birth,
Still onward moves, a living flood,
To cover all the earth.

V.

Lo! here it rolls its gentle waves,
Their virtues to display;
And bids us on their bosom glide,
To Christ's eternal day.

The Sermon.

*¶ When the Congregation assembles on the Platform, the
Choir will sing the following—*

HYMN.

I SOV'REIGN Lord, Almighty King,
The source of life and light—
Arch Angels, Spirits, Suns, and Worlds,
Are nothing in thy sight.

II.

The heaven of heavens, creation's bounds,
Thy presence can't contain :
And shall Thy Glorious Majesty
In courts of Stone remain.

III.

Yes—cloth'd in mercy, thou hast said,
I seek the contrite heart,
Where modest faith and love reside,
Sweet blessings to impart.

IV.

Wherever two or three are met
To celebrate my name,
The gift of peace and pure resolves
My presence shall proclaim.

V.

Encourag'd thus by sacred writ,
 To God, in Christ, we raise,
 Where Pagan darkness er'st prevail'd,
 A House of prayer and praise.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following—*

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast made of one blood all the Nations that dwell on the face of the Earth, and hast graciously promised Thy Spirit to us and to our children, and as many as call upon Thy holy name, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for putting it in our minds to build a House to Thine honor and glory: But will God indeed dwell on the Earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, how much less a house made with hands. Yet, O Lord, have respect to the prayers of Thy servants, and fulfil Thy promise, that wherever two or three are gathered together in Thy name there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Prosper now, O God, our work: O prosper it as a sanctuary entirely devoted to Thy service—for reading therein Thy most holy word—for celebrating Thy Holy Sacraments—for offering to Thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of Prayer and Thanksgiving—for blessing Thy people in Thy name. May it accomplish the desire of our hearts, in promoting the knowledge of our Saviour and dispensing the blessings of His Gospel to many generations. Let Thine ears, we beseech Thee, be ever open to the supplications of Thy people from this place: pity and forgive their manifold sins, and hasten the happy time when Thy Priests shall be clothed with salvation, and Thy Saints rejoice in goodness; and when all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest—so

shall we have grace in the life that now is, and glory in that which is to come : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayer being ended, the ceremony of laying the Stone, by His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. takes place in the usual form.

The Brass Plate deposited in the hollow of the Foundation Stone has engraven on it the following

INSCRIPTION:

THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF

St. JAMES' CHURCH, York, Upper Canada,

WAS LAID

By Major-General Sir JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province,

On the Seventh day of June,

In the Second Year of King WILLIAM the Fourth,

And in the Year of Our Lord,

MDCCCXXXII.

CHARLES JAMES STEWART, D.D. Lord Bishop of Quebec.

JOHN STRACHAN, D.D. LL.D. Archdeacon of York, Rector of the Parish.

SIMON WASHBURN, Esquire, Church Warden.

JAMES G. CHEWETT, Esquire, Architect.

Mr. JOHN RICHIE, Builder.

COMMITTEE FOR ERECTING THE BUILDING.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, Chief Justice.

JAMES B. MACAULAY, Judge of the Court of King's Bench.

GEORGE CROOKSHANK,

WILLIAM ALLAN,

JOHN H. DUNN,

} Legislative Councillors.

HENRY J. BOULTON, *Attorney General.*

Alexander Wood,
Charles C. Small,
D'Arcy Boulton,
George Monro,
William Proudfoot,

Francis T. Billings,
Alexander Burnside,
Robert Stanton,
William Draper,
George Duggan,

Esquires.

¶ *Then shall be said the following—*

Prayer.

BLESSED be Thy name, O Lord, that though Thou art the high and holy One who inhabitest Eternity, and art covered with light as with a garment, Thou delightest to dwell with the humble and contrite heart. We confess O Lord, that we are not worthy to lift up our eyes to the place where Thine honor dwelleth: for thousands of pure Spirits serve Thee day and night in Thy Temple, and offer unto Thee a service free from the many imperfections and infirmities which pollute our sincerest acts of devotion: Yet glory be to Thy name that thou vouchsafest to take pleasure in human praise, and hast so far blessed our endeavours in preparing a place for Thy more especial worship. Enable us in Thy good time, we beseech Thee, to complete the same: and may the sweet incense of prayer and praise offered unto Thee by us, and all who may hereafter serve Thee in this Church, be pleasing in thy sight. Give us grace, O Blessed Father, to approach Thee on this solemn occasion with reverence and Godly fear: with clean hands and pure hearts: with bodies undefiled and minds sanctified; and let Thy Holy Spirit at all times direct and guide us in the ways of righteousness and true holiness; and so influence

our affections, that we may present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Thee ; and when Christ who is our life shall appear, that we may appear with Him in joy unspeakable and full of glory. Grant this, O Merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the following—*

HYMN.

I GLORY to the King on high,
Who sits enthron'd above the sky ;
Deviser of the mighty plan
That Paradise restores to man.

II.

To Christ, the Paschal sacrifice,
From ev'ry heart let incense rise,
Who shed his blood to make us free,
The trophies of his victory.

III.

Praise to the Comforter Divine,
Of Christian health the seal and sign ;
Hope, love, and joy, by Thee are giv'n,
And Faith that lifts the soul to Heav'n.

IV.

Give glory to the Three in One,
The Father, Spirit, only Son :
Let men on Earth and Saints above
Unite to praise the God of Love.

¶ *Then the Priest shall let the Congregation depart with this
Blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and Love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord :— And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*